

*A Trumpet sounded from under the Altar;
the ten days persecution near an end.*

T Herefore all people of Apleby and Bongate and elsewhere, awake, arise, and come forth to the judgement of the living God, in this his great day, wherein he is shaking Heaven and Earth, and causing every creature to bow before him, and tremble at his presence, that he alone who is Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Ruler of Rulers, and the alone Priest (whose lips preserve knowledge) who is come to teach his people himself, may have all the honour and glory, and be alone exalted; For now hath the Lord God over all, uttered his glorious voice, and bared his glorious holy arme; So that his voice and power is heard, and felt to the ends of the earth, and all the Angels of God do in his judgements rejoyce, and worship him that lives for ever and ever, ruling in righteousness; who by his own wisdom now manifest, hath confounded the wisdom of the world, and brought to nought the understanding of the prudent of the earth; so that the strong man bows, and the meeke of the earth increase their joy in the Lord, and doe now come to know that wisdom which is pure and purifieth the heart, and endures for ever revealed in them. And now the wise men of the world hearing the sound onely of this truth, and being ignorant both whence it comes, and whether it goes, they goe about with their inchantments, sorceries, and inventions of their fals wisdom to counterfeit, and doe the like to what the true wisdom and power in, and by the Saints hath formerly done and is now in doing to his own glory; The cunning Serpent this perceiving, that if the kingdome of God goe on, which is now made manifest in Sons and Daughters, Servants and Handmaids, which stands not in words but in power (whereby the creature comes to be re- deemed

deemed to God alone) then their deceits, who work in darkness cannot be hid, nor their dark selfish actions be unjudged; And therefore these worldly wise men (who are fools with God) gather together, and take Counsell against the Lord, his Christ and kingdome, how they may hinder it and pull down it, and so set up, and establish their own superstitions, and keep alive their own name and glory amongst men, and keep the people bound under them, what by force and what by craft, that so they may not come to the light, Christ Iesus the true Prophet, Priest, King and Teacher, and so be saved out of all blindness and error, to bear a testimony in the light against those worldly wise ones, and their works. And this is the true cause O ye people, that the Priests, the hireling teachers in this Country and elsewhere, go about to bring you into engagements, and outward Bands of a carnall Covenant and Commandement of man to follow them, least (as is said) you should hearken to Christ Iesus the Covenant of God, and so know him the light and power of the endless life in you, neer at hand to be your Shepherd, and Bishop of your souls, to follow him in pureness and singleness of heart, who is risen and ascended far above all Heavens, that he might fill all things; and he doth fill all things, and is now felt neer at hand, the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, satisfying the desires of every living and believing soul. And this to his own praise and glory amongst us is witnessed. And now whereas the worldly wise ones spoken of, doe in the Scriptures of truth read of a true Church and worship of God; yet not knowing as the Apostles knew who wrote of the thing, what that true Church and worship is; they have invented a Church as they call it, and have built one of wood and stone, and have by force and flattery gotten a company of carnall people under severall names and forms of profession onely in words, to meet there in a worship to hear them tell what the Saints were and shall be, from what they reade onely without them, but not at all (mean while) knowing the Saints life or holy spirit now ruling in themselves, to make them able Ministers of the new Testament;

Testament, no nor so much as knowing the new birth to make them Saints, though in the letter they doe thereof also read. But here (O people) in this carnall earthly Church, a proud and covetous man (whom God abhorreth) who preacheth for hire and divines for mony, called of men Master, and who greedily seeks for his gain from his quarter, who hath run and God never sent him, gets up over you into a Pulpit, and there takes the letter to talk of to you and trade withall, that you may give him his hire for his words, which are his own wrestings, and false applyings of Scripture, and not the very truth it self as it is in Iesus; For such a one being guilty of the sins and evils condemn'd in Scripture, will not let Scripture speak to himself and such as himself are, but will be sure to wrest it from its true minde, and lay it on the innocent, as the Scribes and Pharisees did, who brought Scripture against Christ, which should have been layd upon themselves. And these are the Teachers that *Jeremiah* in his 23. Chap. calls stealers of the word from their neighbour, and using their tongues to say, he saith when the Lord never spoke to them. And these are they, that *Ezekiel* in his 13th. Chapter reprov'd, who made the hearts of the Godly sad, and the hearts of the wicked glad: And the same that *Micah* the Prophet in his third Chapter declared against, that did bite with their teeth, and cryed peace to the wicked for wages. And so while you follow such, and are led by such; They being blinde, and you not seeing, you must needs fall both together into the Ditch, and into the pit which hath now opened its mouth wide to swallow up all the ungodly of the earth; For all who deny the light of Christ in the conscience, and calls it naturall or worse (as the Parish teachers generally doe) and so will not be led and guided by it, are blinde and doe not the truth, but take pleasure in unrighteousness, and takes from you the Key of knowledge, and then puts the letter for the light; and so by their own dark minds wrest it wholly to their own destruction and yours. And so these greedy teachers have gotten the Saints words declared in Scripture to talk of, and to sell to you for mony, but being ignorant of the Saints

pure and holy life (as is said) they are hypocrites, and Sepulchers painted over, yea and graves that have a little seeming greeness sometimes appearing to the carnall eye on the outside, but inwardly are full of filthie pride, covetousness, hypocrisie and cruelty as is manifest by their daily actings as you may see, if them and their waies you judge by the light of Christ in you, and not by the faln wisdom; For how many of the dear Saints and servants of God have this generation of worldly wise men (who have gotten up for teachers over the people in all ages) caused to be persecuted, imprisoned and put to death, as is manifest both by the Records of former times, and also by the things that your eyes may see in this present age. And the cry of the oppressed is entred into the ears of the Lord God of Hosts, who is come down to avenge the cause of his own elect, who have cryed day and night unto him. And now the Embassadors of *Babylon* who are telling of peace, must howl bitterly; for their is no peace to the wicked. And the Lord is come down to see the Tower of *Babel*, and the Image of jealousie which the Children of men in their faln wisdom are setting up, and he will confound their language; yea it is already done. The language of the worlds builders is already confounded, and one cryes one thing, and another, another thing. One is for the Papists, another for the Protestants? And (to let pass the many Sects amongst the Papists) even of them called Protestants, some are for the Bishops, some for the Presbyters; some for that called Independency, and another for that called Anabaptism; And the greatest part of people scarce know what any of these things meane; And the people are hurried up and down, and tossed as with a tempest, and almost driven to their wits end; And to the end of your wits and wisdom which is earthly sensuall, Devillish (O people) you must all be brought, before you come to the true rest and peace of your souls with God in Christ Iesus, the Fathers wisdom and the way, the truth and life it self, the same yesterday to day and for ever, who is now againe made manifest, a light in the world that in him, and through him all may beleeve,

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and come to the Father of light and life, out of all the waies of sin, and all worships of mens devising. For all the waies of fallen man are in the dark, and keeps people alwaies learning, and never brings them to the knowledg of the truth, and freedome from sin thereby: And the day doth now declare all things, and in the light it is seen, what one generation of worldly wise men builds up, another pulls down, and then they build up another way, and sets up another Image to the Beast whom they worship; And then the next age to that pulls that Image down, and sets up another of their own, and as every of these forms and Images gets the worldly power, on their sides, they establish their own way for their time, and cause that none during that kingdome, shall buy or sell or enjoy outward peace and liberty, but who worships that Beast and his Image: And thus one puts out another, and is supplanted of another, and the whole world lyeth in wickedness, doing that themselves as they come into power, which they themselves condemned in others, and the wrath of God abides upon them for it; And the people of this wicked world who knows not God; but worships the imaginations of their own hearts and works of their own hands, are like the raging Sea when it cannot rest, but sends out mire and dirt continually. But the word of the Lord God that endures for ever with its holy seed and changeth not, but judgeth righteously, and in righteousness maketh war, and his enemies are onely the workers of iniquity, who will not that the light of Christ in the conscience should bear rule. And this word of God is not a dead letter, which the wisemen of the world can wrest (though the letter (as is said) doth thereof declare) but the word of God is spirit and life, and is nigh in thy heart (O man) to be found in lightning the conscience, and there thou mayest hear that small still voice of God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, calling upon thee and reprovng thee, when thou goes to the right hand or left hand, from the truth of God made manilest in thee, and witnessed unto in the Scriptures of truth. And here in the light of Christ, thus nigh in thine heart (whose name is called the word of God) thou mayest see

see the way continually that thou oughtest to goe; and keeping thy minde to it, thou needest not that any man teach thee, but as the anointing of this holy one teacheth thee, thou wilt know all things; For this is the new Covenant of the Lord our God, not written in tables of stone, or with Pen and Inke in an outward book, but it is written by the finger of the living God in the conscience, and in the fleshly tables of the heart (as is said) And they that follow this light of Christ in the conscience and believe in his power are chosen, and true and faithfull, and all that hate this light of Christ, their deeds are evill, and they believe lyes, and their head and Captain is the Prince and power of darknes, the Divell, and they are in the same condemnation with him, untill they repent and return to the light, and believe in the light, that they may be Children of the light, and bring forth fruits worthy the Faith of the Gospel, and amendment of life, and so come to be true witnesses of Christ in them, the teacher alwaies present the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world and in us the hope of glory, praises, eternall praises to the Lord God and the Lamb for evermore, who hath redeemed us, who are reproached amongst you (O people) under the name of Quakers; but the reproach of Christ is to us great riches; And by the power of the Lord our God in Christ Iesus, are we delivered from under the power of darknes, and out of all false waies and worships, set up in that wicked nature; And thus knowing the terrors of the Lord, and being recovered out of death and darknes, and out of all false waies, and worships into the true light of life, Christ Iesus, we exhort you, O all people, small and great, to minde the fear of the Lord God, and to cease from man whose breath is in his Nostrills, and to Joyn your hearts to the Lord God that spirit of life and truth, who hath given you a light, to let you see the evill and the good asunder, that you might refuse the evill, and chose the good, and so cease from your own earthly knowledges and lusts, to feed upon the tree of life, and so live for ever; and never any more to spend your mony for that which is not bread, nor your labours for that which is not able

to profit your souls, for why will you abide in death, O people, seeing life is so freely tendered to you.

And therefore to you people of *Apleby* and *Bongate* before mentioned in particular, and to all people elsewhere in general I speak, to consider of your waies, and all to take heed that you deceive not your souls in the errors of the wicked; For its neither your ingaging to *Ambrose Rowlands* (who hath already espoused the hire of two Parishes to himself, and would now for that self end espouse you the people of them Parishes also to himself; which the Apostles and Ministers of Christ never did) nor your engaging to any other man or men in that earthly nature under what forme or outward profession of Religion soever; nor your not ingaging, that will profit you any thing at all, as to the kingdome of God, but onely a new creature, and that faith which joyns the creature to God, and works by love, even that love which keeps the Commandements of God; This I say is that which onely avails your souls to the kingdome of God; For though you be some of you as *Ephraim*, having one invented form of false worship; and others of you, be as *Manasseh*, having another form of false worship, and so you contend every one for his false form, and envy, hate, persecute and kill one another for setting it up and keeping it there; yet be it known unto you all, so long as you follow any hireling teacher, a man of this world, called and set up by man, called of men Master, and so receiving the worlds honour, and also whilst you in conformity and imitation of such, cry onely Lord, Lord with your mouths, and the meanwhile your hearts running after your ungodly lusts, in pride, vain glory, rioting, drunkenness, coveting to be rich and great on earth, and spending your time in worldly cares, pleasures, past-times, vaine talking, foolish jesting and the like, in strife, uncleanness, and smiting with the fist of wickedness; or at fairest making onely a more seeming profession of truth in words and shews then others, which you live not in, but your hearts of truth are empty, and your lives of sin are full; I say so long as you are thus found in your own waies and wills, you are all alike in the sight of God; And thou Iew and thou Gentile

tile who in this broad way of sin livest, art stil under the curse, and art a stranger to the life of God; and though you joyn hand in hand never so closely; and cover your selves with fig leaves never so cunningly, yet the wrath of God abides on you, and your sin cannot goe unpunished; For all your zeal, fighting and contending in this unregenerate condition is but for your own Idols and superstitions, and not for the truth of God; and therefore by the truth are ye all to be judged; And *Judah* shall dwell alone with God, and the envy of *Ephraim* and *Manasseh* shall cease, and the kingdome shall be the Lords, who is worthy all honour and praise for ever and ever; he that hath an ear to hear, let him hear, and he that can receive it let him. This was I moved to write in obedience to God, the good of your souls, and that I might stand cleer of all your blood.

From my prison lodging here in the Common Gaol at Apleby, where those Scriptures, (to wit,) he was numbred with transgressours; and the Devill shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tryed, and you shall have tribulation ten daies, Luke 22. 37. Rev. 2. 10. both hath been and is now fulfilled and fulfilling, in this present second month, 1638.

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